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(EPC) MEETING: SCENARIO

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- 1. EPC SCENARIO BEGINS WITH BUREAU MEETING ON MONDAY EVENING-AT 6:00 PM TO CONSIDER IMPLICATIONS FOR THE EPC OF SUMMIT MEETING RESULTS. IF TIME PERMITS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE WOULD ALSO BE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION. SECRETARIAT (FAY) WILL SEND TELEX CONFIRMING MEETING TO PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS ON NOVEMBER 12.
- 2. ANOTHER BUREAU MEETING STILL PLANNED FOR TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18 AT 6:15 PM. PRIMARY FOCUS OF THIS MEETING WOULD BE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF POLICIES AND PROSPECTS, BUT DISCUSSION OF SUMMIT COULD WELL CONTINUE IN LIGHT CONFIDENTIAL

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OFANYSUMMIT RELATED COMMENTS (PARTICULARLY OF SMALLER

COUNTRIES) DURING FIRST DAY OF EPC PLENARY. MEETING WOULD ALSO CONSIDER GENERAL PRESS GUIDANCE FOR USE AFTER EPC BY SIR DOUGLAS ALLEN. NEITHER BUREAU MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY DINNER.

- 3. SCENARIO OF EPC PLENARY: EXPRESSIONS OF VIEWS AND QUESTIONS ON SUMMIT RESULTS LIKELY TO PLAY ROLE IN SESSION, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT BUREAU DECIDES ON MONDAY EVENING THAT THERE SHOULD BE FORMAL DISCUSSION (OR BRIEFING) OF IMPLICATIONS FOR EPC FROM THE SUMMIT IN FULL EPC.
- 4. SECRETARIAT PROPOSES THAT U.S. BEGIN DISCUSSION OF GENERAL ISSUES RAISED IN "DOMESTIC PROSPECTS" SECTION OF REFDOC A BY GIVING U.S. VIEWS ON THESE ISSUES AND COMMENTING ON U.S. DOMESTIC SITUATION IN THIS CONTEXT. GERMANY AND NETHERLANDS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PREPARE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO PUT TO U.S. FOLLOWING PRESENTATION (ALONG LINES OF PATTERN DEVELOPED AT EPC MEETING LAST JUNE).
- 5. JAPANESE PRESENTATION WILL FOLLOW DISCUSSION OF U.S. U.S. AND NEW ZEALAND HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PREPARE QUESTIONS FOR JAPANESE.
- 6. DISCUSSION IN SIMILAR FORMAT AND CONTEXT OF GERMANY, FRANCE, U.K., AND POSSIBLY OF ITALY AND CANADA WILL FOLLOW.
- 7. DISCUSSION OF DOMESTIC ECONOMIC PROSPECTS AND POLICIES LIKELY TO CONTINUE HALFWAY INTO SECOND DAY, AT

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WHICH TIME COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER "INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS" SECTION OF REFDOC A. IN THIS CONNECTION, REFDOC A SUGGESTS INFORMAL CONSENSUS THAT TEMPORARY WORKING PARTY SHOULD PROCEED TO STUDY NON-OIL DEVELOPING COUNTRY FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND EXAMINE OTHER ECONOMIC, MONETARY AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS WHICH MAY BECOME RELEVANT IN FRAMEWORK OF CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION WHICH OPENS ON DECEMBER 16. (SECRETARIAT SEES THE FUNCTION OF THIS ENTRY IN REFDOC A AS SERVING TO HELP BUILD RECORD THAT COUNTRIES HAVE INFORMALLY AGREED TO EXPAND TWP'S DUTIES IN CONFORMITY WITH WIDESPREAD RELUCTANCE TO REOUEST FORMAL AMENDMENT OF TWP'S MANDATE TO SERVE NEEDS OF THE DIALOGUE. SECRETARIAT DOES NOT EXPECT MUCH DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM.)

8. ISSUE OF DESIRABILITY OF INCREASING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FLOWS IS RAISED IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSITION SUPPORTED BY THE SECRETARIAT THAT THERE ARE NO MACROECONOMIC POLICY REASONS FOR DONORS NOT TO INCREASE AID FLOWS. (IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT, AT NOVEMBER 1974 CONFIDENTIAL

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EPC MEETING, CONCLUSION ON AID LEVELS APPEARED IN CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY WITHOUT SUFFICIENT PRIOR DISCUSSION.) TURNER

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